

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
NEW JERSEY STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

CARLOS A. VINCENT, R.N.  
License # NR 11257500

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. Respondent was asked to provide documentation of all continuing education completed since June 1, 2009. Respondent was unable to document timely completion of required continuing education completed for the 2009-2011 renewal period, although he documented completion of 60 contact hours of continuing education completed in 2013, which belatedly satisfied requirements for the 2009-2011 renewal period.

3. On respondent's 2011 renewal application, respondent indicated that he would have completed all required continuing education for the 2009-2011 renewal period by May 31, 2011.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to timely complete required continuing education for the 2009-2011 renewal period constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e ) and (h).

2. Respondent's indication on the 2011 renewal application that he would have completed all required continuing education by May 31, 2011 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on April 7, 2014, provisionally imposing a public reprimand and a \$250 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent's attorney by certified and regular mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the order was delivered on April 11, 2014. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board determined that service had been effected. The Board further

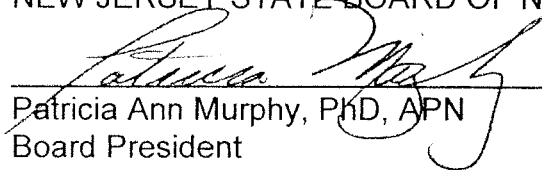
determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014,  
ORDERED that:

1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
2. A \$250 civil penalty is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, NJ 07101 within twenty one days of the filing of this order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

  
Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President